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Letter dated 11 September 2000 from the President of the General Assembly to the Chairperson of the Third Committee

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith, the decisions taken by the General Assembly at the 9th plenary meeting of its fifty-fifth session pertaining to the allocation of items to the Third Committee.

I wish to draw your attention to the recommendations on the organization of the session contained in section II of the report of the General Committee (A/55/250). Those recommendations were also approved by the General Assembly at its 9th plenary meeting.

May I also draw your attention to paragraph 49 and the relevant part of paragraph 6- of the report concerning the agenda of the Main Committees.

I earnestly request your cooperation in these matters.

(Signed) Harri **Holkeri**

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Annex

Allocation of items to the Third Committee

1. Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family (item 103).

2. Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons (item 104).

3. Crime prevention and criminal justice (item 105).

4. International drug control (item 106).

5. Advancement of women (item 107).

   [The General Assembly decided that the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the operations, management and budget of the United Nations Development Fund for Women would be referred to the Second Committee for consideration under item 96 (Operational activities for development).]

6. Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" (item 108).

7. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions (item 109).

8. Promotion and protection of the rights of children (item 110).

9. Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People (item 111).

10. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination (item 112).

11. Right of peoples to self-determination (item 113).

12. Human rights questions (item 114):

    (a) Implementation of human rights instruments;

    (b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms;

    (c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives;

    (d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action;

    (e) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights.

13. Report of the Economic and Social Council (chaps. I and III-V, chap. VII, sects. A-C and I, and chap. IX) (item 12).

    [The General Assembly decided that the chapters of the report listed below would be referred also to plenary meetings and to the Second and Fifth Committees, as follows:

(a) Chapters I, VII (sects. B and C) and IX ... Plenary meetings and Second and *Fifth Committees*

(b) Chapters III-V and VII (sect. A) ... Plenary meetings and Second Committee]